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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Dear Sir:

1. In response to the Office Action dated January 25, 2005 in the above captioned matter, please enter the following response.
2. In the above-captioned Office Action, the Examiner objected under 35 C.F.R. §1.71 to the specification and preliminary amendment faxed to the USPTO on July 13, 2004. These objections are traversed and reconsideration is hereby respectfully requested.
3. The telephonic interviews with the Examiner on February 1, 2005 are appreciated. During the interviews, it was discussed that the Examiner was unable to read the electronic version of the specification and preliminary amendment faxed to the USPTO on July 13, 2004, perhaps due to faxing and/or scanning problems. The Examiner also

stated that Box 6 under "Disposition of Claims" in the Office Action Summary should not have been checked because the claims do not stand rejected.

4. During the interview, the Examiner requested that the entire specification and the Preliminary Amendment faxed on July 13, 2004 be resubmitted to the USPTO in Times New Roman font, size 14. Enclosed herewith is a substitute specification, wherein the only change from the originally submitted specification is that the entire specification is now in Times New Roman font, size 14. Also enclosed herewith is a substitute preliminary amendment faxed to the USPTO on July 13, 2004, wherein the only changes from the originally submitted preliminary amendment are that the entire preliminary amendment is now in Times New Roman font, size 14, and the margins and page breaks are changed to permit the claims to better fit on the pages to suit the larger font.

5. No new subject matter is introduced by the substitute specification or preliminary amendment.

4. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone or facsimile if the Examiner believes that such a communication may advance the prosecution of the present application. Notice of allowance of claims 1-18 is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: February 1, 2005

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